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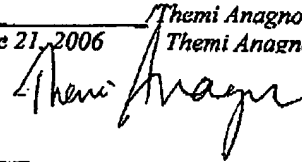
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir or Madame:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated 03/21/2006 "Office Action", Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Amendments to the claims and specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 27

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